

# MONTANA

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**TO:** Persons Interested in the HOME Program

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**SUBJECT:** HOME Program Update



**New Program Manager Sought** As many of you already know, I will no longer be with the HOME Program after October 5. If you or someone you know is has an interest in applying for this challenging yet rewarding position, the job notice is available at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0100W\\$.Startup](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0100W$.Startup), keyword "HOME". The position closes October 5.

**New HOME Specialist Announced** Kathy Brenden, formerly with the Montana CDBG Program, will begin with the HOME Program September 24. She is a wonderful addition to the HOME Program.

**Second Round FY07 Awards Announced** Three applicants competed for \$591,912 in funds available through the Second Round 2007 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The deadline was August 1, 2007. The Montana Department of Commerce has tentatively awarded these funds to two projects. Below is a summary of the projects.

#### **ACTION FOR EASTERN MONTANA**

**HOME Award: \$300,000**

Action for Eastern Montana, in partnership with the Dawson County Economic Development Council will construct Makoshika Estates, an 18 unit affordable senior apartment project in Glendive. The facility will have 12 one-bedroom apartments and 6 two-bedroom apartments and serve seniors 55 years of age or older with incomes at or below 50 and 60 percent of the area median income. Nine units (50%) will be HOME-assisted. The project proposes to include a variety of Energy Star-compliant building components and green building construction materials.

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#### **HOMEWORD**

**HOME Award: \$291,912**

homeWORD will redevelop Liberty Lanes, in Missoula into a mixed use, mixed-income infill project. The proposed apartment project will include 35 affordable rental units targeting households with incomes between 31% and 50% of AMI. The affordable rental units will include a mix of studio apartments (5 units), 1-bedroom (20 units), and 2-bedrooms (10 units). Six of the rental units will meet 504 accessibility standards and all units will meet Universal Design standards for physical accessibility. The proposed project will also incorporate green building methods for energy efficiency, reduction of construction waste, and creation of a less toxic environment for residents. Also proposed are 35 (non-HOME) market rate homeownership units and 10,000 sq. ft of commercial space on the project site.

**Application Workshops** All those interested in submitting an application for 2008 funds are encouraged to attend the Fall Application Workshops, scheduled for November for the following locations and dates:

**Sidney**

**November 14, 2007**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Elk's Lodge

123 3rd Street SW

**Red Lodge**

**November 15, 2007**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rock Creek Resort

6380 US Highway 212 S.

1-800-667-1119

**Polson**

**November 28, 2007**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Best Western KwaTukNuk

303 US Highway 93 East

1-800-882-6363

Registration information and agenda is available on our website at <http://housing.mt.gov>. Notifications for these workshops will also be sent out to the HOME contact list when details are finalized.

**Application Deadline for 2008 HOME funds** The application deadline for 2008 funds will be February 15, 2008. Applications must be postmarked February 15, or received in our office before close of business (5:00pm). Please contact us if you have questions about the process. The Uniform Application and 2007 HOME Application Guidelines are available on our web site, [http://housing.mt.gov/Hous\\_HM\\_Apps.asp](http://housing.mt.gov/Hous_HM_Apps.asp). The 2008 Guidelines will be available online in early November, and will be available at the Application Workshops.